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STATEMENT FROM GOV. EASLEY REGARDING TESTING OF RAPE KITS

“The current backlog in DNA testing of rape kits is unacceptable.

“Late last year, I directed the Governor’s Crime Commission to award a \$300,000 grant to expand the processing capacity of the State Bureau of Investigation’s DNA crime lab. I also worked with the Attorney General and members of the General Assembly to triple the capacity of the lab, and this year my recommended budget includes an additional six positions.

“I am confident that these steps, in addition with future efforts, will lead to significant progress in reducing the backlog of untested rape kits. I will not let any budget constraints hinder the progress we have made, and I will continue to work with the Attorney General’s office, the Crime Commission and the legislature to ensure that this problem is eliminated.”

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